

**Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)¹
Waiting List Information for State Fiscal Years 2002 - 2006
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Measurement	SFY 2002	SFY 2003	SFY 2004	SFY 2005	SFY 2006	Change (5 yr)
Number of Clients Placed on Waiting List	1,162	1,215	1,946	1,503	2,226	1,064
Average Days Waited for Admission	25	37	28	23	24	-1
Number of Priority Population Clients Placed on Waiting List *	176	140	99	135	222	46
Average Days Priority Population Waited For Admission	26	20	26	23	27	1

Note: *The priority populations consist of Pregnant Injection Drug Users, Pregnant Drug and Alcohol Abusers, and all other Injection Drug Users. These clients receive interim services until they can be admitted to treatment.

Other specifics known about people who were placed on wait lists in SFY 2006 were:

- 39% waited for residential treatment, 34% waited in need of outpatient services, and the remaining 27% waited with treatment needs unspecified.
- Less than 1% of those who waited were said to be adolescents.
- 54% waited for services in Clark County, 29% waited for services in Washoe County, and the remaining 17% waited for services in the Balance of State.

The Agency started collecting waiting list data during calendar year 2001, with SFY 2002 providing the first full year of data which could be measured. Historically, this data was collected manually, but it is now being collected in the new data system (NHIPPS). Going forward SAPTA should receive better, more consistent data from service providers.

The above data shows that in SFY 2006 there were far more people waiting for services than there were five years ago. However, in the past two years, clients have had to wait slightly fewer days to receive treatment services once placed on a waiting list. Regarding priority populations there were also more clients waiting for services in SFY 2006 than there were five years ago. Unfortunately, not only were more priority population clients having to wait, but once on the list the wait was slightly longer in SFY 2006.

¹ The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), was previously known as the Health Division, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA).